

1st Annual I AM THE DREAM Scholarship Contest

(Sponsored by 6th District Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs)

To honor and recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contributions in strengthening civil rights for all people and acknowledging the ability of us all to help improve civil rights in this country is the spirit in which 6th District Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs is sponsoring the **1st Annual I AM THE DREAM Scholarship Contest**.

2009 Essay Contest Topic

Students responding to this year's scholarship contest should write an essay explaining "*How I plan to keep the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Alive.*". **See contest rules below for complete details and submission requirements.**

In preparation for writing, students should research information from a variety of sources. Primary and secondary source material could include: historical and reference materials; interviews, oral testimonies; official documents and other primary sources; readings from diaries, letters, autobiographies and works of poetry; video or audiotapes, films, art, CD-ROM and Internet sources.

Eligibility

Eligibility requirements are:

Applicants must be:

- 2009 high school senior
- 2.8 cumulative Grade Point Average
- City of Milwaukee 6th Aldermanic District residents – *see map at:*
www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6
- Accepted to and will be attending a two or four year college or university in the fall (*verification will be required*)
- Able to submit a completed application

Deadline: All completed applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2009

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Rules and Guidelines***

1. Submit four copies of an original work of 1000 words or less in English on the designated topic, including sources, with title page, and numbered pages.
2. One completed registration form signed by applicant.
3. All submissions must include a word count, excluding the list of sources and the completed registration form.
4. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman or an equivalent font with a one-inch margin on all sides of the page. Standards of content and style from MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed., will be expected for (1) documentation of sources in the text of your essay; (2) the format of the list of works cited; and (3) margins and indentation. *(If necessary)*
5. Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria.
6. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded.
7. The decisions of the judges are final.
8. E-MAILED OR FAXED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!
9. Applications must include photocopy of transcripts and college acceptance letter.
10. Your essay will be disqualified if it does not meet the requirements or is postmarked after the submission date of **April 15, 2009**.

**to be notified of future scholarship opportunities via text, text "scholarship" to (414) 708-0596.*

***to be notified of future scholarship opportunities via e-mail sign up for e-notify at <http://www.milwaukee.gov/enotify>.*

Getting It There

Mail four legible copies of your essay, numbered with a title page, all attached to a copy of your registration form, to:

Ms. Akuwa Dantzler
I AM THE DREAM Scholarship Contest Coordinator
PO Box 1751
Milwaukee, WI 53201

****All essays become the property of the I AM THE DREAM Scholarship Contest once they are submitted, and will not be returned.*

Deadline:

Your entry **MUST** be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2009**.

Thank you for your essay submission!

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REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: All applications must be postmarked April 15, 2009

Please print or type:

NAME _____
Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS _____

City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

E-MAIL _____ MOBILE NUMBER (_____) _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

COLLEGE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING _____

ESSAY WORD COUNT _____ G.P.A. _____

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS CONTEST? _____

Application Checklist:

All completed applications must include the following:

Registration form

Copy of acceptance letter to a two or four year college or university

Four copies of essay on designated topic

Photocopy of transcripts

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

I certify that this essay is my own work. I agree to abide by all guidelines and requirements of the I AM THE DREAM Scholarship Contest. I understand that my essay will not be returned and will become the property of the I AM THE DREAM Scholarship Contest to use at its discretion and that the judges' decisions are final.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____